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Norfolk, Virginia – Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Neil Dennis, age 37, of Hampton, Virginia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Henry C. Morgan, Jr., to 51 months in prison for conspiring to make a false statement to a federal firearms dealer. He pled guilty to a Criminal Information on August 14, 2002.

Between March 28, 2001 and March 16, 2002, Dennis purchased ten firearms for Thomas Simmons, IV, and on each of the forms required to be completed prior to each sale, Dennis stated that he was buying the gun for himself.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, the Newport News and Hampton Police Departments investigated this case. Assistant United States Attorney Janet Reincke handled the prosecution for the United States.